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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Health and Family Welfare (C) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No. 67/2025/H&FWD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19th June, 2025.

S. R. O. No. 698/2025

RULES

WHEREAS, as per sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Nurses and Midwives Act, 1953 (Act X of 1953), the Government shall, by notification in the Gazette, establish a Council to be called



the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act;

AND WHEREAS, the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council was reconstituted as per notification issued under G.O. (P) No. 94/2019/H&FWD dated, 7th September, 2019 and published as S.R.O. No. 637/2019 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2141 dated 7th September, 2019 and the term of the said council expired on 24th September, 2024.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of Health Services took charge as the ex-officio president of the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council under sub-section (5) of the Nurses and Midwives Act, 1953; complying with the order dated 11-11-2024 in WP (C) No. 35980/2024 of the Hon. High Court.

AND WHEREAS, the Director of Health Services has reported that there was extremely indecent and reprehensible conduct on the part of some of the elected and nominated members of the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council in the meeting held on 18th November, 2024 and has requested the Government's intervention for the smooth conduct of the Council.

AND WHEREAS, having *prima facie* satisfy that some of the elected and nominated members of the Kerala Nurses and Midwives Council have failed to discharge their duties and have violated the provision of sub-section (2) and (4) of the Nurses and Midwives Act 1953, the Government, in exercise of the powers vested in it under sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the Nurses and Midwives Act, 1953, issued notice to the Council on 1st February, 2025.

AND WHEREAS, in the Council meeting held on 15th February, 2025 to discuss the matter, the defaulting members of the Council have not expressed regret for.

AND WHEREAS, sub-section (1) of Section 19 provides that *if at any time it shall appear to the Government that the Council has failed to exercise or has exceeded or abused any of the powers conferred on it by or under this Act, the Government may, if they consider such failure, excess or abuse to be of a serious character notify the particulars thereof to the Council, and if the Council fails to remedy such default, excess or abuse within such time as the Government may fix in this behalf, the Government may dissolve the Council, and cause all or any of the*



powers and duties of the Council to be exercised and performed by such person and for such period as they may think fit and thereupon the funds and property of the Council shall vest in the Government for the purpose of this Act, until a new Council shall have been constituted under section 3.

NOW THEREFORE, Government after examining the matter in detail have found that the Council has failed to exercise the duties vested in it under the Act and has also failed to rectify the defaults in time, the Government in exercise of the powers vested in it under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Nurses and Midwives Act, 1953 hereby dissolve the Council and appoint the Director of Health Services, who is the ex-officio President of the Council, to exercise and perform the powers and duties vested in the Council until a new Council assumes office.

By order of the Governor,
DR. RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRAGADE I.A.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

For the reasons stated in the notification, the Government in exercise of the powers vested in it under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Nurses and Midwives Act, 1953 have decided to dissolve the council and appoint the Director of Health Services, who is the ex-officio President of the Council, to exercise and perform the powers and duties vested in the Council until a new Council assumes Office.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

